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SUBJ: PATROL CRAFT FOR FIJI

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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 17, PRIME MINISTER MADE FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF GOF ACQUIRING NAVAL VESSELS FROM US. HE SAID US HAD OFFERED TWO ARMED PATROL SHIPS AT BARGAIN PRICE OF ONLY FIJI DOLS 45,000 EACH, BUT SAID THAT THE SHIPS INVOLVED HAD PACKARD ENGINES. SINCE ONLY 187 ENGINES OF THIS TYPE EXIST, ACQUISITION OF SHIPS WOULD MEAN A SPARE PARTS DIFFICULTY FOR FIJI. THE GOF HOPES THAT TWO OTHER SHIPS THE US NAVY WILL DECOMMISSION IN JULY OF THIS YEAR CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FIJI. HE ADDED THAT THESE SHIPS, IF BOUGHT NEW, WOULD COST ABOUT FIJI DOLS 1.5 MILLION EACH. ACQUISITION OF SHIPS WILL LEAD TO REVIVAL OF FIJI ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE (FRNVR), WHICH WAS DISBANDED IN 1959.

2. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT US AMBASSADOR TO FIJI HAD BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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QTE EXTREMELY HELPFUL UNQTE IN MATTER OF SHIPS, AND THAT HELP HAD ALSO COME FROM AMERICAN ACTOR RAYMOND BURR.
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